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Serial No. 10/782,447REMARKS

Claims 1-27 remain pending. New claims 28-58 have been added. Claims 8, 9, and 11 have been amended. Claims 9 and 11 have been amended to correct the claimed dependency. Claim 8 has been amended broaden the claim. None of these amendments narrows the scope of the amended claims.

§ 102(b) Rejections

Claims 1-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) based on U.S. Pat. No. 6,021,883 to Casanova et al ("Casanova"). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

With respect to independent claims 1 and 17, the Office Action states that Figs. 7a-7c disclose a compact housing. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Figs. 7a-7c disclose a housing of the size of a standard, full-size, floor-standing Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) machine as existed in 1996 when the Casanova application was filed. It is believed that the width, depth, and height of standard ATMs in 1996 at least exceeded two feet. Furthermore, it is apparent from Figs. 7a-7c, that the device disclosed therein is adapted to be used by a person standing in front of the device, and thus, was at least several feet high. Accordingly, Casanova fails to teach or suggest the compact housing recited in independent claims 1 and 17. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the pending rejections be withdrawn. New claim 28 also recites a compact housing and thus is likewise allowable.

With respect to claims 2 and 17, the large floor-standing unit shown in Figs. 7a-7c of Casanova is not adapted to be placed on a tabletop and Casanova contains no such teaching or suggestion. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully traverse the allegation in the Office Action that "any table top of sufficient size would be able accommodate Casanova's apparatus on its top surface." There is no teaching or suggestion in Casanova for such an arrangement, but rather, such an allegation appears to have been made based solely on the impermissible use of hindsight in light of the disclosure of the present application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the pending rejections be withdrawn. New claims 29, 38, 45, and 52 also relate to tabletop devices and thus are likewise allowable.

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With respect to claims 3 and 19 and new claims 30, 39, 46, and 53, Casanova fails to teach or suggest a compact housing containing a currency bill processing device and a coin processing device, the compact housing having a width less than about 11 inches.

With respect to claims 4 and 20 and new claims 31, 40, 47, and 54, Casanova fails to teach or suggest a compact housing containing a currency bill processing device and a coin processing device, the compact housing having a depth less than about 21 inches.

With respect to claims 5 and 21 and new claims 32, 41, 48, and 55, Casanova fails to teach or suggest a compact housing containing a currency bill processing device and a coin processing device, the compact housing having a height less than about 19 inches.

With respect to claims 6 and 22 and new claims 33, 42, 49, and 56, Casanova fails to teach or suggest a compact housing containing a currency bill processing device and a coin processing device, the compact housing having a footprint less than about 230 square inches.

With respect to claims 7 and 23, and new claims 36, 43, 50, and 57, Casanova fails to teach or suggest a compact housing containing a currency bill processing device and a coin processing device, the compact housing having a volume less than about 4400 cubic inches.

With respect to new claims 37, 44, 51, and 58, Casanova fails to teach or suggest a compact housing containing a currency bill processing device and a coin processing device, the compact housing having a volume less than about 3000 cubic inches.

There is no teaching or suggestion in Casanova to support the unfounded allegation that the device of Casanova "will still work .. regardless of its size and dimensions." Rather this allegation appears to be based solely on hindsight and as such is improper and impermissible. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the pending rejections be withdrawn.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that all the pending rejections be withdrawn and a notice of allowance issued.

Conclusion

The Applicant believes that the claims are in a condition for allowance and action toward that end is earnestly solicited. If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

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As mentioned above, a Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed, requesting a two-month extension from March 1, 2006 to May 1, 2006. Please charge the corresponding two-month extension fee of \$450.00 and the new claim fees of \$2,150.00 for a total of \$2,600.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-4181, Order No. 247171-000406USPT. No additional fees are believed due in connection with this amendment. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required in connection with this amendment (excluding the issue fee), or credit any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,



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